

**NPM No. 25-2007**

30 July 2007

**MR. EDGARDO J. GIL**  
*Chairman*  
 Iloilo City Bids and Awards Committee  
**OFFICE OF THE CITY LEGAL OFFICER**  
 Plaza Libertad, Iloilo City

**Re: Procurement of Services of an Architect**

Dear Mr. Gil:

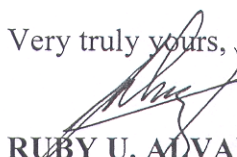
We respond to your letter dated 21 July 2006 requesting for an opinion on whether the services of an architect to prepare and submit a plan/design for the new Iloilo City Hall building is required to undergo competitive bidding.

In accordance with Section 10 of Republic Act No. 9184 (R. A. 9184), as a general rule, procuring entities shall adopt public bidding as the general mode of procurement. Alternative methods shall be resorted to only in highly exceptional cases provided for by law (Section 48, Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A [IRR-A], R. A. 9184). Among the alternative methods of procurement provided under R. A. 9184, procuring entities may resort to Limited Source Bidding<sup>1</sup> or through Negotiated Procurement<sup>2</sup> in the procurement of consulting services.

The determination and approval on the method of procurement rest with the head of the procuring entity, upon the recommendation of the Bids and Awards Committee, whenever justified by the conditions provided in R. A. 9184 and its IRR (Section 12, R. A. 9184 and Section 48, IRR-A).

We trust that this clarifies matters. Should you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

  
**RUBY U. ALVAREZ**  
 Executive Director III

<sup>1</sup> See Section 49 of the IRR-A of R.A. 9184.

<sup>2</sup> See Section 53 of the IRR-A of R.A. 9184, as amended.